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Dear Friends,

I want to bring you up to date on the goings on at St Alban's.

Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in his Name, he is there in the midst of them. At tonight's Vestry meeting I proposed that we make the Fellowship Room available for 2 to 3 people to bring in their lunch or dinner and dine together. I have done this several times for lunch. We sit at opposite ends of the long wooden table and remove our masks to eat. Afterward I spray the chairs and areas touched with a disinfectant cleaner. At a time when it's not a good idea to invite friends into our homes, the COVID procedures in place at the church make it a safe alternative setting. If you would like to dine with a friend from church or a friend from the community, particularly if you or your friend are rarely venturing out, we'd like to offer the Fellowship Room as a safe place to meet. Just call Val and let her know when you'd like to come. Me - I'd enjoy being invited to lunch or an early dinner on a Tuesday or Thursday!

Sunday School: Last month the Vestry authorized hiring Shelby Calhoun for two hours every other Sunday at \$15/hour to prepare for and teach Sunday School. Last Sunday was the first class. Shelby and the 3 kids are meeting in the Education Wing Foyer. For Safe Church purposes the usher sits at the back of the church with the door open to be the second adult with eyes on the children. To fund the position for the remainder of the year we are using the long dormant Youth Scholarship Fund. The fund was created to help pay to send teenagers to diocesan youth events. The \$220 balance will be put toward Sunday School. The Vestry also designated a \$500 gift from Marion Pasqua's family for this purpose, and an anonymous donor gave \$100. Shelby is using a free Episcopal curriculum provided online.

Organist: Tonight the Vestry also authorized the hiring of an organist. Now that the 9:30 a.m. service includes both those In Person and those on Zoom it's time to bring music back! I will post a listing on the American Guild of Organists, Syracuse Chapter website. If you know of someone who might be interested please let me know. Stay tuned!

AA: Both the Wednesday and Saturday evening groups are back in the building, socially distanced and wearing masks.

God is greater than COVID-19,
God bless you,
Mother Julie+

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Room and also on Zoom

9:30 a.m. In-person Holy Eucharist and Zoom Spiritual Communion

Zoom Code/Password for Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. - 835 9000 0245 & 562087

Zoom Code/Password for Worship at 9:30 a.m. - 826 9515 6305 & 446765

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter **826 9515 6305#**

When prompted Enter #

When prompted Enter **446765#**

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and I will let you in.

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unmute yourself
on the phone
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The Bishop is Coming Virtually Next Sunday!

All Saints Day, November 1
9:30 a.m.

The service will be on Zoom and led by the Bishop and her Chief of Staff Meredith Kadet Sanderson. We will move the TV from the Fellowship Room into the church and connect it to Mother Julie's laptop so that those In Person can participate in the service.

A time of conversation with Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe follows.
After that she will meet with the Vestry.

Send a note to cheer Herb Wickenden.
His unit at the nursing home has been on lockdown because of the virus.

Herbert Wickenden, Rm#213
Elderwood at Wheatfield
2600 Niagara Falls Blvd
Wheatfield, NY 14304

Tuesday Abbreviated Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Zoom Code: 868 3084 1089/Password: 114552

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Thursday Rector's Class: Matters of Faith at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Zoom code: 858 6751 9278/Password: 211036